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Dear Gov. Roy A. Cooper III,

Please ban this toxic pesticide, chlorpyrifos, for the sake of our children.

I urge you to take action to protect children, workers and consumers from the pesticide chlorpyrifos. All chlorpyrifos uses must be banned.

The science is in: There are no safe uses of chlorpyrifos. Prenatal exposures to this chemical are associated with reduced IQ, loss of working memory, attention disorders and delayed motor development. Whenever chlorpyrifos is sprayed, it can cause immediate and long-term health harms to kids, farmers, farmworkers and others who are exposed. In fact, chlorpyrifos poisons workers and surrounding communities every year. In its latest risk assessment of chlorpyrifos, the EPA determined that all exposures to it are unsafe. The agency found that:

- * All food exposures exceed safe levels, with children ages 1-2 exposed to levels of chlorpyrifos that are 140 times what the EPA deems safe
- * There is no safe level of chlorpyrifos in drinking water
- * Chlorpyrifos is found at unsafe levels in the air at schools and homes in communities in agricultural areas
- * All workers who mix and apply chlorpyrifos are exposed to unsafe levels of the pesticide, even with maximum personal protective equipment and engineering controls

Action on this toxic chemical is long overdue. If you want to:

- * Protect children from learning and memory impairments
- * Protect communities from pesticide poisonings when chlorpyrifos drifts in the air into nearby neighborhoods and schools
- * Prevent contamination of our food
- * Prevent contamination of our drinking water
- * Prevent worker poisonings and harm to workers' children

I urge you to speak out, hold the EPA accountable, and take action to ban this neurotoxic pesticide by co-sponsoring H.R.3380 in the House and S.1624 in the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I look forward to hearing about how you will stand up to protect children, workers and consumers from chlorpyrifos.

Sincerely,

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